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The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President, Scott Parsons, at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Councilmen: Jon Faust, Kerry Gassler, Dave Hess, George Hinton, and Joe Weaver. Also in attendance were Mayor Mitchell D. Mogilski, Sr., Borough Engineer, Brian Pysner and Borough Administrator Louise Firestone. Absent was Councilman Tony Curcio.

Council President Scott Parsons informed those in attendance that Borough Council met in Executive Session from 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., following the September 8, 2009 Council meeting to discuss the possible lease and/or acquisition of real estate. No action was taken following that meeting and none will be taken tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared before Council at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mitchell D. Mogilski, Sr. reported that the contractor license fees collected is as follows: August - \$25 for a total of \$1,500. Amusement license fees collected – August – 0 for a total of \$550. Transient license fees collected – August - \$25 for a total of \$350.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. EMS – Kerry Gassler reported that the ambulance corps responded to 40 calls in the month of May, 55 in June and 47 in July for a total of 337 year-to-date. They are approximately off 30 calls from the same time last year. The monthly meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.
2. Police – George Hinton reported that Officer Dailey is still out of work. George is trying to set up a meeting with the Police Association and the committee to continue discussing the contract.
3. Sewer Authority – Dave Hess reported the Wind Gap Municipal Authority Plant received an award for exceptional performance for 2008.
4. Fire Company – Jon Faust reported that the fire company responded to 18 calls in the month of August for a total of 96 for the year. The fire company is in the process of setting up a fire safety seminar. Dave Hess added that there will be an open house for fire prevention week, more information to follow. The ladies' auxiliary is planning a breakfast with Santa and also for a small donation; Santa will come around on the fire truck to local homes. Scott asked if the recreation committee could coordinate with the auxiliary and make it one party.

5. Streets – George Hinton reported that the Street Department replaced catch boxes on Roosevelt. The project at Roberti's is coming to a close and the railing has been installed. Scott asked if the tree on the Tittle property has been looked at for removal. George and Jon will look at it this week. The soffit on the borough building needs to be fixed.
6. Zoning – Tony Curcio was absent, but Scott Parsons reported that there was no meeting in September, but there will be a zoning meeting in October.
7. Planning – Scott Parsons reported that the Planning Commission received a new plan for the old Futon Mattress Store. They are planning to call the store Scrubs 'n More and sell medical uniforms and other retail clothing. They also plan on selling lottery tickets. George added that Tony has not attended the last two meetings due to a health issue in his family.
8. Parks – Joe Weaver reported that the Park Board received a letter of interest from Lucy Flinn. **On motion** by Joe Weaver to appoint Lucy Flinn to the Wind Gap Borough Park Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2011 and seconded by Kerry Gassler. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.
9. 911 – Tony Curcio was absent. Jon Faust reported that he did follow up with Tony and the 911 center regarding Oakwood Drive. He added that both Oakwood Drive and Wood Street need to have street signs installed to eliminate all confusion.
10. Buildings and Properties – Jon Faust reported that the Council members received a copy of the feasibility study done by the consultant. Scott suggested that Jon Faust talk to Ron Karasek about the possible purchase or sale of real estate. Jon will make sure that Joe receives a copy of the study.
11. Finance – Louise Firestone reported that she spoke to Jim Lockard regarding the office server. Joe will meet with Louise to further discuss this purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dave Hess mentioned to the Mayor that there was an article in the Morning Call regarding drug seizure items through the County District Attorney's office. The Mayor will follow-up with this and try to obtain more information.
2. Scott Parsons reported that Council should have received a proposed fee schedule for 2010. Brian Pysher explained that the applicants for the Zoning Hearing Board pay a \$300 fee and the Borough loses money because the professional bills exceed the fee. The proposal is to require a higher fee and return any unused monies after all the professional bills are paid. Scott asked Council to review the fees and this will be discussed at the next workshop meeting scheduled for October 20, 2009.
3. Scott Parsons informed Council that there will be a free seminar "Meet the Arbitrators" on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at Lafayette College.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Brian Pysher reported that he has reviewed the Alpha Road project. He believes that the storm sewer system seems to be adequate. There does not appear to be any issues with back up of water. He asked Council if they wanted to increase the number of inlet boxes on the east side of the street. The lower southeast corner of the road does not have any curbing and that is where the water flows naturally into a roadside swale. He asked Council to decide whether to install curbing the entire length of lower Alpha Road. Council would have to upgrade the storm sewers if they want to install curbing down past West Street. Council discussed straightening out the road where it curves. Kerry suggested that the road have total reclamation. Brian will get the estimates for Council and explained that any contingencies be included in the specs to allow for change orders because of the unknown below the street surface with a limit on the dollar amount of the project. Brian to meet with the road crew to dig a small hole to discover what is under the street.

2. Lehigh Avenue. Brian Pysher stated that during previous discussions, there was concern expressed because of the number of sump pumps. Brian is recommending extra inlet boxes instead of installing pipe behind the sidewalk. If the Borough wants to install a pipe it would require easements from the property owners and the possibility of repairing or replacing sidewalks which would increase the time and expense of this project. He asked if he could obtain a list of the properties who pump out into the street and an inlet box could install right there to help alleviate the water problem and icing problem. Dave will provide Brian with a list of addresses.

3. Jon Faust asked what the status of Eighth Street is now and what the next step would be for the property. Brian replied that he was informed that the property had been purchased and the closing was scheduled for July 31, 2009. According to Mr. Miller indicated that Mr. Keenhold never saw the property, but that Ron DeCesare had done a walk through and relayed the information back to Mr. Keenhold. Kerry added that he was aware that Rick Keenhold signed the agreement yesterday. Brian stated that the Borough should wait until the real estate transfer comes through. Scott said we should know by the next Council meeting on October 5, 2009.

On motion by Jon Faust to adjourn the meeting of September 15, 2009. Council agreed unanimously. The meeting of September 15, 2009 adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Louise Firestone, Borough Administrator